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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application No.	09/903362
Filing Date	July 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Felix Achille
Group Art Unit	1711
Examiner Name	Thao T. Tran
Attorney Docket No.	44452A
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application. **Note:** 37 CFR §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

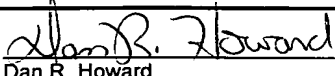
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(any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. **Enclosed**
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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  - b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1512.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee of \$790 required under 37 CFR §1.17
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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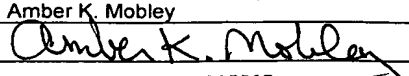
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EXAMINING GROUP 1711

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/903,362  
Applicant (s) : Felix Achille  
Filed : July 11, 2001  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

This paper responds to the Advisory Action mailed 22 April 2005 and the Official Action mailed 5 April 2005. The Advisory Action informs Applicant that the Office will enter the amendments presented in a 14 April 2005 response to the 5 April 2005 Official Action but maintains the rejection of pending claims over Korpman (U.S. Patent 4,318,408).

With this request for continuing examination, Applicant presents the claims as amended in the 14 April 2005 Response together with additional amendments and new Claims 34 – 40.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 11, 32 and 33. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the arguments and remarks presented below. Applicant also respectfully asks the Office to allow Claims 1 6 -, 8 – 11, 32, 33 and new Claims 34 – 40 at an early date.

Appln. No. 09/903,362

Response to Advisory Action mailed 22 April 2005 and the Official Action mailed 5 April 2005

Request for Continued Examination dated June 10, 2005

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments Concerning Amendments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments Concerning Rejections** begin on page 8 of this paper.